Family pension to mentally challenged dependents of Government servants

2556. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mentally challenged dependants of Government servants are eligible for family pension till they are alive;

(b) if so, whether they are also proposed to be covered for all the schemes like CGHS card and other benefits available to the pensioners and their family; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The eligibility of mentally challenged dependents of Government servants for getting family pension is defined under Rule 54 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and proviso thereunder.

(b) The criteria for dependency and definition of family for obtaining medical facilities under CGHS from the CGHS card issued to the Central Govt. Servants/pensioners has been defined in the Dept. of Health's O.M. No.S-11012/1/98-CGHS(P) dated 14.3.2001. The dependent mentally challenged who are covered within the definition of family as per the aforesaid O.M. dated 14.3.2001 are already eligible to obtain facilities under CGHS.

In addition to the above, the mentally challenged dependents of Central Govt. Servants who are in receipt of family pension as referred to in the reply to part (a) of the question are also eligible for CGHS facilities by obtaining a CGHS pensioner card.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Condition of Safdarjung Hospital

†2557. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Safdarjung Hospital - Haddi Vibhag Jameen par litaiye Jatee hain mareej", which appeared in the Hindustan, dated the 18 November, 2002;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.